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He *wan* the king with secrecy and diligence; but chiefly because he was his old servant in his less fortunes. *Bacon*.

1. A small stick, or twig; a long rod.
The skilful shepherd peeld me certain *wands*. *Shaksp.*
With a whip or *wand*, if you strike the air, the sharper and quicker you strike it, the louder found it giveth. *Bacon*.
His spear, to equal which the tallest pine
Hewn on Norwegian hills, to be the mast
Of some great admiral, were but a *wand*. *Milton*.
A child runs away laughing, with good smart blows of a *wand* on his back, who would have cried for an unkind word. *Locke on Education*.

2. Any staff of authority, or use.
Though he had both spurs and *wand*, they seemed rather marks of sovereignty, than instruments of punishment. *Sidney*.
He held before his decent steps a silver *wand*. *Milton*.

3. A charming rod.
Nay, lady, fit; if I but wave this *wand*,
Your nerves are all chain'd up in alabaster. *Milton*.
Pious bore a buckler in his hand;
His other *wand* a long divine *wand*. *Dryden*.

TO WANDER, *v. n.* [from *wand*, Saxon; *wandelen*, Dutch.]
1. To rove; to ramble here and there; to go, without any certain course. It has always an ill sense.
I have no will to *wander* forth of doors. *Shaksp.*
I will go lose myself.

And *wander* up and down to view the city. *Shaksp.*
The old duke is banish'd; four loving lords have put themselves into exile with him, whose revenues enrich the new duke; therefore he gives them good leave to *wander*. *Shaksp.*

Then came *wandering* by
A shadow like an angel, with bright hair
Dabbled in blood, and he shriek'd out aloud. *Shaksp.*
They *wandered* about in sheeps and goats skins. *Hel. xi.*
Let them *wander* up and down for meat. *Pf. lix.*

From this nuptial bow,
How shall I part, and whither *wander* down
Into a lower world? *Milton's Par. Lost, b. xi.*
Here should my wonder dwell, and here my praise;
But my fixt thoughts my *wandering* eye betrays. *Denham*.
A hundred years they *wander* on the shore. *Dryden*.
Virgil introduces his *Aeneas* in Carthage, before he brings him to Laurentum; and even after that, he *wanders* to the kingdom of Evander. *Dryden's Duffresnoy*.

2. To deviate; to go astray.
O let me not *wander* from thy commandments. *Pf. cxix.*
They give the reins to *wandering* thoughts,
Till by their own perplexities involv'd,
They ravel more. *Milton*.

TO WANDER, *v. a.* To travel over, without a certain course.
The nether flood
Runs diverse, *wandering* many a famous realm. *Milton*.
Those few escap'd
Famine and anguish, will at last consume,
Wandering that wat'ry desert. *Milton's Par. Lost, b. ix.*
See how the *wandering* fleet desert the stony town,
And *wander* roads unfathomable, not their own. *Gay*.

WANDERER, *n. f.* [from *wander*.] Rover; rambler.
Nor for my peace will I go far,
As *wanderers* that still do roam;
But make my strength such as they are,
Here in my bosom, and at home. *B. Johnson*.
By fly enticement, gives his baneful cup. *Milton*.
The whole people is a race of such merchants as are *wanderers* by profession, and at the same time are in all places incapable of lands or offices. *Spectator, N° 495.*
Taste, that eternal *wanderer*, which flies,
From head to ears, and now from ears to eyes. *Pope*.

WANDERING, *n. f.* [from *wander*.]
1. Uncertain peregrination.
He asks the god, what new appointed home
Should end his *wandering*, and his toils relieve? *Addison*.

2. Aberration; mistaken way.
If any man's eagerness of glory has made him oversee the way to it, let him now recover his *wanderings*. *Decay of Piety*.

3. Incertainty; want of being fixed.
A proper remedy for this *wandering* of thoughts, would do great service to the studios. *Milton*.
TO WANE, *v. n.* [from *wand*, Saxon; *wandelen*, Dutch.]
1. To grow less; to decrease. Applied to the moon.
The husbandman, in fowling and setting, upon good reason observes the waxing and *waning* of the moon. *Hakewill*.
Waning moons their settled periods keep,
To swell the billows, and ferment the deep. *Addison*.

2. To decline; to sink.
A lady far more beautiful than any woman in the *waning* age. *Shaksp.*
I will interchange
My *waning* state for Henry's regal crown. *Shaksp.*

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Your father were a fool
To give thee all; and in his *waning* age
Set foot under thy table. *Shaksp.*

In these confines silly have I lurk'd,
To watch the *waning* of mine enemies. *Shaksp. Rich. III.*
Nothing more jealous than a favourite, towards the *waning* time, and suspect of satiety.

I'm *waning* in his favour, yet I love him.
You say but sorrow in its *waning* form,
A working sea remaining from a storm;
When the now weary waves roll o'er the deep,
And faintly murmur, ere they fall asleep.
Land and trade ever will wax and *wane* together. *Dryden*.
Her *waning* form no longer shall incite
Envy in woman, or desire in man. *Rowe's Jane Shore*.

WANE, *n. f.* [from the verb.]
1. Decrease of the moon.
The *waning* of the moon, is thought to make the corn found.

Young cattle, that are brought forth in the full of the moon, are stronger and larger than those that are brought forth in the *wane*. *Bacon*.
This is fair Diana's case;
For all astrologers maintain,
Each night a bit drops off her face,
When mortals say she's in her *wane*. *Swift*.
You're call upon an age, in which the church is in its *wane*. *South*.

WANNED, *adj.* [from *wan*.] Turned pale and faint coloured.
Is it not monstrous that this player here,
But in a fiction, in a dream of passion,
Could force his soul to his own conceit,
That, from her working, all his visage *wann'd*. *Shaksp.*

WANNES, *n. f.* [from *wan*.] Paleness; languor.
TO WANT, *v. a.* [from *want*, Saxon.]
1. To be without something fit or necessary.
Want no money, Sir John; you shall *want* none. *Shaksp.*
A man to whom God hath given riches, so that he *wanteth* nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof. *Eccl. vi. 2.*

2. To be defective in something.
Smells do most of them *want* names. *Locke*.
But by fulfilling that which thou didst *want*,
Obedience to the law. *Milton*.

3. To fall short of; not to contain.
Nor think, though men were none,
That heav'n would *want* spectators, God *want* praise. *Mit.*

4. To be without; not to have.
By descending from the thrones above,
Those happy places, thou hast design'd a while
To *want*, and honour these. *Milton's Par. Lost*.
How loth I am to have recourse to rites
So full of horror, that I once rejoice
I *want* the use of fight. *Dryden and Lee's Oedipus*.
The unhappy never *want* enemies. *Clarissa*.

5. To need; to have need of; to lack.
It hath caus'd a great irregularity in our calendar, and *wants* to be reformed, and the equinox to be rightly computed. *Haller*.
God, who sees all things intuitively, does not *want* helps; he neither stands in need of logic, nor uses it. *Baker*.

6. To wish for; to long for.
Down I come, like glitt'ring Phaeton,
Wanting the manage of unruly jades. *Shaksp.*
The sylvars to their shades retire,
Those very shades and streams new shades and streams require,
And *want* a cooling breeze of wind to fan the raging fire. *Dry.*
What *wants* my son? for know
My son thou art, and I must call thee so. *Addison's Ovid*.
Men who *want* to get a woman into their power, seldom scruple the means. *Clarissa*.

TO WANT, *v. n.*
1. To be wanted; to be improperly absent; not to be in sufficient quantity.
Nor did these *want* cornice or freeze.
Finds wealth where 'tis, bestows it where it *wants*. *Denham*.
Cities in deserts, woods in cities plants. *Denham*.
We have the means in our hands, and nothing but the application of them is *wanting*. *Addison*.
As in bodies, thus in souls, we find
What *wants* in blood and spirits, swell'd with wind. *Pope*.
The design, the disposition, the manners, and the thoughts are all before it; where any of those are *wanting*, or imperfect, so much *wants* in the imitation of human life. *Dryden*.

2. To fail; to be deficient.
Nor shall I to the work thou enterprisest
Be *wanting*, but afford thee equal aid. *Milton*.
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Though England is not *wanting* in a learned nobility, yet unhappy circumstances have confined me to a narrow choice. *Dryden's Dedication to Lord Clifford*.

Whatever fortune, good or bad betide,
No time shall find me *wanting* to my truth. *Dryden*.
Religion will never be without enemies, nor those enemies be *wanting* in endeavours to expose it to the contempt of mankind. *Roger's Sermon*.

Several are against his severe usage of you, and would be glad of an occasion to convince the rest of their error, if you will not be *wanting* to yourself. *Swift*.

3. To be mild; to be not had.
Twelve, *wanting* one, he flew,
My brethren: I alone surviv'd. *Dryden*.
Granivorous animals have a long caecum and caecum, which in carnivorous are *wanting*. *Arbutnot on Aliments*.

WANT, *n. f.*
1. Need.
It infers the good
By thee communicated, and our *want*. *Milton*.
Parents should distinguish between the *wants* of fancy, and those of nature. *Locke*.

2. Deficiency.
This proceeded not from any *want* of knowledge, but of judgment. *Dryden*.
One objection to Civita Vecchia, is, that the air is not wholesome: this proceeds from *want* of inhabitants. *Addison*.
The blood flows through the vessels, by the excess of the force of the heart above the incumbent pressure, which in fat people is excessive; and as *want* of a due quantity of motion of the fluids increaseth fat, the disease is the cause of itself. *Arbutnot on Aliments*.

3. The state of not having.
You shall have no reason to complain of me, for *want* of a generous dildain of this world. *Pope*.

4. Poverty; penury; indigence.
Nothing is so hard for those who abound in riches, as to conceive how others can be in *want*. *Swift*.

5. [Saxon; Saxon.] A mole.
WANTON, *n. f.* [I his word is derived by *Minghwa* from *want* one, a man or woman that wants a companion. This etymology, however odd, *Janius* filently adopts. *Stinner*, who had more acuteness, cannot forbear to doubt it, but offers nothing better.]

1. Lascivious; libidinous; lecherous; lustful.
Thou art froward by nature, enemy to peace,
Lascivious, *wanton*; more than well becomes
A man of thy profession. *Shaksp. Hen. VI.*
Entic'd to do him *wanton* rites. *Milton*.

2. Licentious; dissolute.
My plebeious joys,
In drops of sorrow,
Men grown *wanton* by prosperity,
Study'd new arts of luxury and ease. *Recommon*.

3. Frolicksome; gay; sportive; airy.
As flies to *wanton* boys, we are to th' gods;
They kill us for their sport. *Shaksp. K. Lear*.
Note a wild and *wanton* herd,
Or race of youthful and unhandled colts,
Fetching mad bounds. *Shaksp. Merch. of Venice*.
Time drives the flocks from field to fold;
The flows do fade, and *wanton* fields
To wayward winter reckoning yields.
How eagerly ye follow my disgrace,
As if it fed ye; and how sleek and *wanton*
Y' appears, in every thing may bring my ruin. *Shaksp.*

4. Loose; unrestrained.
How does your tongue grow *wanton* in her praise! *Addison*.
Quick, and irregular of motion.
Luxuriant; superfluous.
What we by day lop overgrown,
One night or two, with *wanton* growth derides,
Tending to wild. *Milton*.

5. Women richly gay in gems and *wanton* dres. *Milton*.
Tending to wild.
Women richly gay in gems and *wanton* dres. *Milton*.
For want of tread are undistinguishable. *Milton*.

WANTON, *n. f.*
1. A lascivious person; a strumpet; a whoremonger.
An old *wanton* will be doating upon women, when he can scarce see without spectacles. *South's Sermons*.
To lip a *wanton* in a secure couch,
And to suppose her chaste. *Shaksp. Othello*.

2. A tridler; an insignificant flatterer.
Shall a beardless boy,
A cocker'd, filken *wanton* brave your fields,
Mocking the air with colours idly spread,
And find no check? *Shaksp. K. John*.
Pais with your best violence;
I am afraid you make a *wanton* of me. *Shaksp. Hamlet*.

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3. A word of slight endearment.
Peace, my *wantons*; he will do,
More than you can aim unto. *B. Johnson*.
TO WANTON, *v. n.* [from the noun.]
1. To play lasciviously.
He from his guards and midnight tent,
Disguis'd o'er hills and valleys went,
To *wanton* with the sprightly dame,
And in his pleasure lost his fame. *Prior*.

2. To revel; to play.
Oh! I heard him *wanton* in his praise;
Speak things of him might charm the ears. *Orway*.
Nature here
Wanton'd as in her prime, and play'd at will
Her virgin fancies. *Milton*.
O ye mules! deign your blest retreat,
Where Horace *wantons* at your springs,
And Pindar sweeps a bolder string. *Fenton*.

3. To move nimbly, and irregularly.
WANTONLY, *adv.* [from *wanton*.] Lasciviously; frolicksome-ly; gaily; sportively; carelessly.
Thou dost but try how far I can forbear;
Nor art that monster which thou wouldst appear:
But do not *wantonly* my passion move,
I pardon nothing that relates to love. *Dryden*.

WANTONNESS, *n. f.* [from *wanton*.]
1. Lasciviousness; lechery.
The spirit of *wantonness* is fear'd out of him. *Shaksp.*
Bulls and goats bled apace; but neither the violence of the one, nor the *wantonness* of the other, ever died a victim at any of their altars. *South*.

2. Sportiveness; frolic; humour.
When I was in France,
Young would be as sad as night,
Only for *wantonness*. *Shaksp. K. John*.
Love, rais'd on beauty, will like that decay;
Our hearts may bear its slender chain a day;
As flow'ry bands in *wantonness* are worn,
A morning's pleasure, and at evening torn. *Pope*.

3. Licentiousness; negligence of restraint.
The tumults threaten'd to abate all acts of grace, and turn them into *wantonness*. *K. Charles*.
Till *wantonness* and pride
Raft out of friendship hostile deeds in peace. *Milton*.

WANTWIT, *n. f.* [want and wit.] A fool; an idiot.
Such a *wantwit* sadnels makes of me,
That I have much ado to know myself. *Shaksp.*

WANTY, *n. f.* [I know not whence derived.] A broad girth of leather, by which the load is bound upon the horse.
A panel and *wanty*, pack-saddle and ped,
With line to fetch litter. *Tusser*.

WAPED, *adj.* [Of this word I know not the original, except that to *wape*, to flock, or defect, is found in *Spenser*; from which the meaning may be gathered.] Dejected; crushed by misery.
I his makes the *waped* widow wed again. *Shaksp.*

WAPENTAKE, *n. f.* [from *wapun*, Saxon, and *take*, *wapentakum*, *wapentakum*, low Latin.]
Wapentake is all one with what we call a hundred: as upon a meeting for that purpose, they touched each other's weapons, in token of their fidelity and allegiance. *Cowell*.
Hundred signifieth a hundred pledges, which were under the command and assurance of their alderman; which, as I suppose, was also called a *wapentake*, so named, of touching the weapon or spear of their alderman, and swearing to follow him faithfully, and serve their prince truly. But others think, that a *wapentake* was ten hundreds, or boroughs. *Spenser*.

WAR, *n. f.* [from *uerre*, old Dutch; *guerre*, Fr.]
War may be defined the exercise of violence under sovereign command against withstanders; force, authority, and resistance being the essential parts thereof. Violence, limited by authority, is sufficiently distinguished from robbery, and the like outrages; yet consisting in relation towards others, it necessarily requires a supposition of resistance, whereby the force of *war* becomes different from the violence inflicted upon slaves or yielding malefactors. *Raleigh*.

On, you noblest English,
Whose blood is fetich from fathers of *war* proof. *Shaksp.*
After a denunciation or indiction of *war*, the *war* is no more confined to the place of the quarrel, but left at large. *Bacon*.
I saw the figure and armour of him, that headed the peasants in the *war* upon Bern, with the several weapons found on his followers. *Addison*.

2. The instruments of war, in poetical language.
The god of love inhabits there,
With all his rage, and dread, and grief, and care;
His complement of stores, and total *war*. *Prior*.
On th' embattled ranks the waves return,
And overwhelm the *war*. *Milton's Par. Lost, b. xii.*

3. Forces; army. Poetically.
The profession of arms. *Thine*